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SITUATION STILL BAD IN BERLIN

WORKMEN SOLDIERS FORCES ARE COLLECTING MACHINE GUNS IN THE SUBURBS

NOT FULLY CREDITED IN WASHINGTON

A German-American Named Martin Is Said to Have Been the Leader in the Recent Attempt to Arrest Soldiers and Workmen Committee.

BERNE, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—The situation in Berlin is growing worse, according to a Wolff bureau dispatch received here today. Workmen are collecting machine guns and munitions in the suburbs. The military commandant is concentrating troops, but they are not permitted in the streets due to the danger of causing a conflict.

The workmen's and soldiers' committees have demanded the arrest of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, who are the radical leaders.

Socialist Army Proposed.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—Chancellor Ebert has decided to form a Socialist army to offset the forces of the Spartacus group.

Ebert's Authority Conceded.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—The workmen's and soldiers' executive committee has conceded the supreme authority in Germany to Ebert's government, dispatches here report.

German-American Was Leader.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—A German-American named Martin, known here as Merard, led the recent attempt to arrest the executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' organization.

Discredited in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—The state department has intimated that conditions in Germany are not as bad as they have been painted.

LOWER RATES FOR MESSAGES

LOCAL WESTERN UNION MANAGER HAS NEW SCHEDULE

Reduction Applies to Night Letters Which Are Reduced About One-Half.

While other sections of the country have always had the benefit of a reduced rate for short over-night messages without restriction, the Pacific coast has never had the benefit of night message rates except to comparatively near-by points. This has now been corrected by Postmaster General Burleson, who has ordered that, effective January 1, a universal system of night messages at greatly reduced rates shall obtain in all parts of the country. Manager Divens of the local Western Union office advises that under the new schedule of night message rates the people of the Pacific coast will have a rate as low as 50c for messages of ten words to New York City and other places on the Atlantic seaboard, with an added charge of only 2c per word for additional words.

To Chicago, where the night message rate has been 75c and 5c for each additional word the new tariff is only 45c, plus 3c for additional words, while corresponding reductions are made throughout the system. To near-by points the minimum rate is reduced from 25c to 20c.

There is a very large and constantly increasing need for quick communication across the continent which this new system of short over-night letters at cheap rates is well designed to meet. It should prove a great boon to business interests on the Pacific coast, by bringing them into close touch with parts of the country at a very low cost.

SIR THOMAS MYLES

Sir Thomas Myles was knighted when he was president of the College of Surgeons, Ireland. He is an authority on the organization of "command depots" of the British army medical service and also on curative workshops.

FINE POSTERS FOR ROLL CALL

NOTED ARTISTS HAVE PUT FORTH BEST EFFORTS

"Where Columbia Sets Her Name Let Every One of You Follow."

America's foremost artists have contributed posters for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, the week of December 16-23, assuring a pictorial appeal of the most effective character in this effort to enroll the entire American people as members of the Red Cross.

Edwin Blashfield, the eminent mural painter, devoted eight weeks to the preparation of the poster he contributed. The original painting, which is valued at $10,000, is to hang in the American Red Cross building in Washington. The poster typifies the underlying theme of the Christmas Roll Call. Two figures, one Columbia and the other representing the spirit of the Red Cross, beckon the people to a school wherein they are to enroll their names. Underneath the Red Cross on this scroll is the the society, for example, the Red Cross has expended more than a quarter of a million dollars for re-educating mutilated soldiers and noncombatants in trades which will make them self-supporting. This is only one of the many practical ways in which the funds of

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FRED LOCKLEY IN LA GRANDE

WELL KNOWN NEWSPAPER MAN BACK FROM "OVER THERE"

Is Renewing Acquaintances and Boosting for the Completion of the War Stamp Sales

Fred Lockley, a well known newspaper man, is a visitor in La Grande. Mr. Lockey just recently returned from France where he was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work and while away he contributed many interesting articles to the Portland Journal, in the department, "The Journal man Abroad."

Mr. Lockley's visit here at this time is to assist in the promotion of the war stamp sales, and incidentally to renew acquaintance with friends who are numerous in this section. In regard to the war stamps Mr. Lockeley says: "I am glad to be assured by Mr. F. L. Meyers, who is the chairman for Union county, that the full quota from this district may be counted on. Union county has always came out a hundred per cent and then some in all war activities, and it is the same as an inspiration to many other parts of the state to hear of the progress that is always made here."

The visiting newspaper man will remain in La Grande over tomorrow.

MORE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED

NO QUOTAS ASSIGNED ANY LOCALITY.

But Universal Membership in Red Cross Is the Goal That Is Desired.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Oregon will have to secure double the number of Red Cross memberships obtained last year if it is to maintain its reputation as a state which never fails when called on. There have been no quotas established for the Red Cross membership campaign, December 16 to 23, other than that "Universal membership" is desired, and that means that every adult must become a component part of the great humanitarian institution if its program is to be fully carried out.

The call throughout the nation is for 50,000,000 members to answer the Christmas roll call. A year ago the Christmas drive netted 22,000,000 members. Consequently, Oregon must purchase more than twice as many memberships in the pending campaign as it did in the holiday drive of 1917. A year ago plural memberships were solicited, but this time an individual is asked to take just one membership. It is not a matter of raising a large sum of money, but of gaining members.

Drives for war funds will not be necessary hereafter, but the Red Cross will require a membership sufficiently large to make it self-supporting and to carry on the immense program it has prepared for peace time in this country and to deal with conditions in the transition from war to peace. One dollar will not go far by itself, but added to the other 49,999,999, it becomes the necessary factor in Red Cross effort.

It is not generally known that the work of the Red Cross is not limited to operations on the battlefields of Europe or of relieving distress among the civilians overseas. The Red Cross is carrying on an extensive home relief work among the families of American sailors and soldiers. This work alone is now requiring approximately $1,000,000 a month and must be continued for some time to come, until the troops have been returned to civil life and the soldiers are once again in position to care for their dependents.

As part of the service rendered by

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BIG SUPPLIES ARE SENT OUT

BUSY WEEK FOR LA GRANDE RED CROSS CHAPTER

All Neighboring Localities Have Made the Good Record a Possibility.

This has been a busy week for the La Grande Red Cross chapter. Sixteen boxes have been shipped out, containing 271,664 surgical dressings and 278 convalescent robes.

This comprises a wonderful lot of good work by the ladies of Union and Wallowa counties and is making a splendid showing at American Red Cross headquarters.

Union, Cove, Imbler, Summerville, Elgin, North Powder, Wallowa, Enterprise, Joseph, Flora and Lostine branches and all La Grande auxiliaries of Ladd Canyon, Hot Lake, Island City, Perry, Kamela, Starkey and the many city individual workers have made these articles and made the La Grande chapter record possible.

All ladies who were interested in making surgical dressings are urged to keep up their Red Cross work in making refugee garments.

HUN DELIVERY IS SLOW

Germans Show No Haste in Yielding Railway Material.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Reports from Sarrebruck, Rhenish Prussia, indicate that the delivery of German railway material is being carried out very slowly. The Germans tried at first to pass off worn-out French railway cars, but only two or three cars out of every ten were accepted.

The French authorities are all the more severe in this connection, as it is declared they have proof that the Germans during the war had built quantities of cars which they held in preparation for a proposed economic invasion to follow up the expected German victory.

FATALITY AT NORTH POWDER

Hermiston Resident Was Killed While Riding a Horse.

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 11.—G. Headley, of Hermiston, was killed near North Powder Sunday while riding a horse and leading two others.

While details of the accident are unknown, it is presumed the horses he was leading became scared, pulled back, threw the horse he was riding and pinned him beneath it. His neck was broken, his skull crushed and one leg was broken.

Mr. Headley was about 60 years old. Friends arrived from Hermiston and took the body home with them.

DEATH AT WALLOWA

Guy Tully, Member of Pioneer Family, Answers Final Call.

Mrs. W. T. Short, of this city, has received word of the death of her nephew, Guy Tully, at Wallowa county. The deceased young man was but recently married to Miss Edith Mitchell, a well known teacher in the Wallowa school.

COLOGNE IS AGAIN QUIET

BRITISH TROOPS ESTABLISH ORDER AFTER RIOTING

Many Disturbers Were Killed by the Civic Guard Called Out by the Burgomaster.

COLOGNE, Dec. 11.—Order has been re-established in Cologne as the result of the arrival of an advance guard of British troops. There had been several days of the keenest anxiety in the city, caused by extensive riots and pillaging on the part of mobs of the lower classes, with attendant bloodshed.

The disorders began Wednesday night, after the withdrawal of the German troops. They continued the next night in various quarters, on a large scale. Much damage was done to property and a large quantity of goods was stolen from the stores. According to Burgomaster Adenauer, the rising was due to the inability of the poor to obtain food and clothing. He thought, however, that the trouble also was due in part to the freshly inculcated Bolshevik idea among the populace that it was needless to work any longer.

Rioters Killed by Civic Guard.

The regular police were unable to handle the situation, and 3000 of the citizens were called and armed by the burgomaster to maintain order. A fight between the rioters and this civic guard resulted in several of the rioters being killed. The burgomaster, finding that the conditions continued to be grave, then applied to the armistice commission to hasten the allied occupation.

The troubles ceased with the appearance of the troops Friday. Saturday a cordon of British forces was thrown out from the city along the Rhine.

Affairs in Cologne now are moving smoothly, to all outward appearances. Burgomaster Adenauer, however, told the correspondent that the city was facing starvation, as only one week's supply of food was in sight. Other German cities, he declared, were in equally dire straits.

NAVY LOSSES DURING WAR

ONLY FORTY-FOUR SHIPS PUT OUT OF COMMISSION

Twelve Vessels Sunk by Submarines, Three by Mines and Fifteen in Collisions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11—Only forty-four vessels of the navy, including army and cargo transports manned by naval crews, were lost from the declaration of war, April 6, 1917, until hostilities ceased November 11. And only twelve of these were destroyed by enemy submarines.

This is revealed by an appendix to the annual report of Secretary Daniels, made public Tuesday. Only three of the twelve ships torpedoed were war craft, the destroyer Jacob Jones, sunk December 6, 1917, with a loss of sixty-two lives, and the coast guard Tampa, sunk September 6, 1918, 1918, with a loss of 112 lives, and the armed yacht Alcedo, which carried down twenty men.

Three ships lost by mines included only one war craft, the armored cruiser San Diego, which went down off Fire Island, N. Y., last July with a loss of fifty lives. This was the only loss of life on ships destroyed by mines, but a total of 678 men on torpedoed ships were drowned or killed by explosions. These include forty men on two ships, the transport Mount Vernon and cargo carrier Westbridge, which were towed to port and repaired.

Fifteen Lost in Collisions.

Fifteen ships, including the destroyers Chauncey and Shaw, the submarine F-4 and four submarine chasers were lost in collisions. The total loss of life was seventy-seven.

Fourteen vessels, including the collier Cyclops, were given under the head of miscellaneous sinkings. These included three submarine chasers and the total loss of life was 346. The Cyclops was given in the list as "mysteriously disappeared." A patrol boat was sunk by German shore batteries, while one of the submarine chasers was "shelled by mistake."

Two of the ships were destroyed by internal explosions.

A total of 151 American merchant vessels were lost between August, 1914, and November 11, 1918. Submarines accounted for 139 of these, mines five, and enemy raiders seven.

Casualties Total 1321.

Naval casualties, in the enlisted personnel from April 6, 1917 to last November 15, were 1321, including fifty-five men of the U. S. S. Scorpion, interned at Constantinople. The summary shows: Dead, 803; injured, 180; missing, 22; prisoners, 8; unaccounted for, 3, and in hospital, condition unknown, 10.

There were 351 casualties among the commissioned personnel, 36 officers were killed in actual combat with the enemy; 81 died of accidents, collisions, etc., and 234 died of natural causes.

NO EXECUTION IN UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WAR

WAHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Not one member of America's gigantic army has been put to death since the beginning of the war for a military offense.

This is the outstanding feature of the report of the judge advocate general of the army, made public Monday.

PRINCE OF WALES ENTERS DENAIN

After the Germans had retreated from the outskirts of Denain, the scene of bitter fighting by the Canadians, the prince of Wales and General Currie entered the place at the head of the Canadian troops. They were wildly cheered by the inhabitants.

YASHUJIRO ISHIKAWA

Yashujiro Ishikawa, a Samurai of Japan and editor of a Japanese newspaper, has presented a historic sword to President Wilson, and will present other swords to the president of France and to the kings of England, Italy and Belgium. The sword was forged 386 years ago and are taken from the Japanese government as "symbols of honorable peace."

MORE BOYS ARRIVE HOME

TRANSPORTS REACH NEW YORK AND BOSTON

Two Vessels Ice Covered on Account of Passing Through a Storm Belt.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—Amid a deafening uproar of whistles, sirens and bells, the liner Canopic with 1160 men on board, docked here today. The Canopic is the first transport to bring overseas troops to Boston.

Two Ships Storm-Battered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—Two more storm battered transports arrived here today. Both the Calamares, which left Bordeaux on December 1, and the Ascanius, from Liverpool, experienced bad weather. They were completely covered with ice, having experienced a severe sleet storm outside the harbor. They brought 2900 men and twenty-eight officers.

MOEWE PRISONERS FREED

Five Hundred Raider Captives Arrive in Denmark.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Five Hundred Americans, Englishmen and others, a majority of the party being members of crews from the ships captured by the German commerce raiders Moewe and Wolf, have arrived at Aarhus, a seaport of Denmark, from Germany, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Many of the men complain of the treatment they received at the hands of the Germans while they were interned.

TURKS CONTINUE CRUELTY

Armistice Fails to Stop Killing of Greeks in Smyrna.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 10.—The Turks in Smyrna still continue to oppress the Greek portion of the population there, according to information reaching the semi-official Athens news agency.

The attitude of the Turks has not improved since the armistice, it is declared, but rather has become more arrogant. A number of Greeks have been arrested and several have been killed.

DISCHARGES FROM SPOKANE

Demobilization Orders Received at the Military School.

SPOKANE, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—Demobilization orders for men in the United States Army training detachment in the motor auto and tractor schools have been received.

Those enrolled at the school will be discharged at the rate of fifty a day.

EX-KAISER EXPLAINS SILENCE

TELLS WHY A CLOSED MOUTH IS DISCREET AT THIS TIME

SAID THE FAMILY HAVE RENTED CASTLE

Have Asked Germany to Permit Removal of Effects from Potsdam—Hundreds of Decorators Are Renovating Place of Their Future Residence.

LONDON, Dec. 11—(United Press) "If there is a possibility of my becoming a defendant prisoner, I will say nothing until then," the ex-kaiser acted in response to a correspondent's query as to his part in the war.

"Secondly, I have no desire to compromise in any way any member of the German government existing at the outbreak of the war."

Preparing to Move.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—All the Hohenzollerns are leaving Amerongen. The former kaiser and the kaisgrin are reported to have rented a castle at Demonte, near Wageningen. A hundred workmen are redecorating the castle, which is one of the finest in Holland. Wilhelm has asked permission of Berlin to ship a great quantity of furniture from Potsdam.

Is Willing to Leave.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Berliner Tageblatt says that Willhelm is willing to leave Holland.

TROOPS IN CONSTANTINOPLE

ATHENS, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—An Anglo-Greek detachment has been landed in Constantinople, following the killing of a Greek soldier.

RECEIVES FINE TESTIMONIAL

ALVA R. PRICE SOON TO BE GIVEN HIS DISCHARGE.

Encouraging Letter From Commanding Officer to His Mother.

Alva R. Price, who is at the Reed Polytechnic school in Portland, will soon receive his discharge. His mother, Mrs. Mary E. Price, has received the following letter from the commanding officer:

"My dear Mrs. Price: In a few days your soldier will receive his honorable discharge and start for home.

"He is bringing back many fine qualities of body and mind which he has acquired or developed in the Military service. The army has done everything it could do to make him strong, fine, self-reliant, yet self-controlled. It returns him to you a better man.

"You have been an important member of that great Army of Encouragement and Enthusiasm which helped to make him and us all better soldiers. You can now be a great help in keeping alive the good qualities he is bringing back from the army in making him as good a citizen as he has been a good soldier.

"His fare and necessary expenses to his home will be paid by the government. He will receive all pay due him. He may, if he wishes, wear his uniform for four months from the date of his discharge. The government will also allow him to keep up, for the benefit of his family, his insurance at the very low rate he is now paying.

"His return to civil life will bring new problems for you both to solve. The qualities he brings back will help you now as your encouragement helped him while he was away, and in your hands and his, rests the future of our country.

"As his commanding officer, I am proud of him. He has done his duty well. I, and his comrades, will bid him good-bye with deep regret, and wish him every success after he returns home—that spot in every man's heart no other place can fill."